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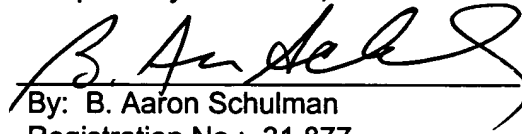
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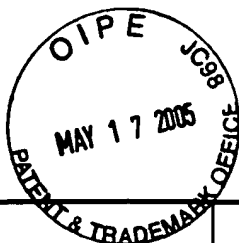
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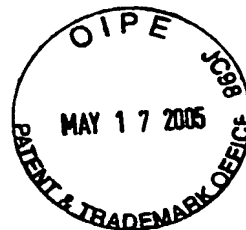
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(1)	KR Patent Publication No. 1992-22387 (December 19, 1992)	No	No	No	No	Yes
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